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(54) Title: GENERATION OF HEMATOPOIETIC CELLS FROM MULTIPOTENT NEURAL STEM CELLS (57) Abstract Multipotent neural stem cell (MNSC) progeny are induced to generate cells of the hematopoietic system by placing the MNSC progeny in a hematopoietic-inducing environment. The hematopoietic-inducing environment can be either <i>ex vivo</i> or <i>in vivo</i> . A mammal's circulatory system provides an <i>in vivo</i> environment that can induce xenogeneic, allogeneic, or autologous MNSC progeny to generate a full complement of hematopoietic cells. Transplantation of MNSC progeny provides an alternative to bone marrow and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation to treat blood-related disorders.		

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of generating hematopoietic cells from mammalian multipotent neural stem cell progeny comprising placing said multipotent neural stem cell progeny in an environment that induces said multipotent neural stem cell progeny to produce said
5 hematopoietic cells.
2. The method of Claim 1 wherein said multipotent neural stem cell progeny are derived from human neural tissue.
3. The method of Claim 1 wherein said multipotent neural stem cell progeny are derived from juvenile or adult tissue.
- 10 4. The method of Claim 1 wherein said multipotent neural stem cell progeny are derived from embryonic or fetal tissue.
5. The method of Claim 1 wherein said multipotent neural stem cell progeny are derived from neural tissue selected from of the cerebral cortex, frontal lobe, conus medullaris, hypothalamus, cerebellum, midbrain, brainstem, spinal cord, cerebro spinal
15 fluid, and tissues surrounding CNS ventricles.
6. The method of Claim 1 wherein said environment comprises a mammal's circulatory system and said multipotent neural stem cell progeny are administered to said circulatory system.
7. The method of Claim 6 wherein prior to administering said multipotent neural stem
20 cell progeny to said circulatory system, said mammal undergoes a treatment to suppress or deplete endogenous hematopoietic cells.
8. The method of Claim 7 wherein said treatment is radiation.